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THE STRENGTH OF THE
JAPANESE ARMY.

Some Interesting Figures.

The *Hochi Shimbun* gives some interesting particulars about the strength of the Japanese Army. The figures, the *Japan Mail* writes in the course of a summary, may or may not be accurate, but we presume that they are a tolerably close approximation. Everybody is acquainted with the general fact that the Japanese Army now consists of 19 Divisions, but little information has hitherto been procurable about troops supplementary to the above. Our Tokyo contemporary now tells us that these additional troops comprise three brigades of field artillery, four brigades of cavalry, two brigades and three battalions of heavy artillery, one brigade of communications troops and three battalions of mountain artillery. With regard to the cavalry, two brigades have still to be embodied, the barracks for their reception not being yet finished. This, however, is a matter of a few days. It is further stated that the establishment of the cavalry is five battalions to one regiment and two regiments to one brigade. Turning now to the question of the number of troops actually under arms, in other words the number of men serving with the colours, the *Hochi* gives the following figures, but does not claim absolute accuracy for them since they are in every case somewhat below the reality.

Infantry	129,380
Cavalry	14,500
Artillery	11,270
Engineers	10,400
Communications	9,240
Heavy Artillery	5,600
Mountain Artillery	1,820
Communications troops	2,900
Total	184,580

With regard to this total we may observe as *passing* that as the number of men eligible for conscription every year is 450,000, it would seem that about 40 per cent. of the whole are taken for service. Turning now to the interesting question of the strength of the Japanese Army on a war footing, the *Hochi* puts it at 1,214,000, exclusive of 10,000 troops serving in Formosa; 15,000 officers and non-commissioned officers serving with the colours, and a very large number of officers and non-commissioned officers whose names are borne on the reserves. We may here recall the facts that when Japan entered the *litus* against China in 1894 the number of men serving with the colours was 60,000. This was increased to between eighty and ninety thousand in the first post bellum reorganization, and now the number is about doubled in the sequel of the recent war.

THE N.Y.K.'S DILEMMA.

The *Japan Mail* translates from the *Chugoku Shogyo* a statement to the effect that the Directors of the Nippon Yusen Kaisha have not yet decided the difficult question whether the Company will come under the new system of subsidies or adhere to the old. The points to be considered in choosing between these alternatives were very clearly set forth in the President's report, at the half yearly meeting. If the Company elect to remain under the old system, it will continue in receipt of subsidies up to the year 1914, and will receive altogether 2 million yen more than the sum that would accrue to it during the same interval under the new system. On the other hand, it would cease altogether to be eligible for subsidies after 1914 inasmuch as the law requires that a final choice shall be made between the two systems before the end of the current fiscal year, and does not sanction the act of passing from the old to the new at a later date. Unless therefore the Company can be sure of being in a position to dispense with all subsidies four or five years hence, it must decide to come into the new system before next March. The *Shogyo* appears to think that the latter course will ultimately be adopted.

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Comment by K. A. MASSEY.
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3 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the
Public Works Department's Offices.

Miscellaneous.

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this date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, July 21.—
Goods per *Syria* not cleared at 4 p.m.
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THURSDAY, July 22.—
2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furni-
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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JULY 17, 1909.

THE CHINESE THESPIAN.

It is perhaps a sign of the increasing
interest taken in Things Chinese that
an article on the Chinese Theatre, as
seen in San Francisco and New York,
appears in a recent number of *Every-
body's Magazine*. It is from the pen of
Mr. Wm. Iwain and treats of the
subject from its historical aspects
principally. This writer sees in the
Chinese theatre of to-day many paral-
lels to the state of things which
existed in England in SHAKESPEARE'S
days, when the Servants of the Lord
Chamberlain and the Children of the
King's Chapel played on Bankside. As
residents of Hongkong and the coast
ports know, the Chinese present their
plays on a platform almost devoid of
accessories in the way of scenery, and
Mr. Iwain contends that probably so did
the Lord Chamberlain's servants at the
Globe Theatre, when they "created"
SHAKESPEARE'S parts. He then continues,
"In the old Chinese theatres of San
Francisco, tourists and Chinese digni-
taries used to sit on the side edges of the
stage, so close to the actors that I have
seen a tragedian, in one of his most
solemn passages, step over the legs of a
spectator. Just so, we are informed,
as the dignitaries and nobilities who

attended the Globe in SHAKESPEARE'S
times. No womanist, the house of
China, the female characters are taken
by young men, trained from childhood
to impersonate women. We know that
the parts of *Ophelia*, *Portia*, *Rosalind*,
all SHAKESPEARE'S immortal
women—were 'created' by boys. The
fifty actors of the Doyers Street Theatre
in New York run their own enterprises,
all abiding in 'the profits.' So, the
documents prove, did my Lord
Chamberlain's servants. The Chinese
actors are so low that even the lowest of
the spectators despises them. In the
days of SHAKESPEARE, the English actor
was a brother to thieves and tinkers, a
being unworthy of Christian burial.
The actors of the Globe Company lived
together in the basement of the theatre;
just so live the actors of the Doyers
Street Company in New York, and so
lived the Jackson and Washington
Street companies in the old days of
Chinatown, San Francisco. The re-
semblance covers even the matter of
setting and properties. The Elizabethan
actors, we are told, furnished a bare
stage with simple, curtained entrances
to right and left. For scenery, they
depended upon the auditor's imagination
and the poet's lines; and to this we owe
some of the greatest poetry in
SHAKESPEARE. Further, the stage man-
ager of the Globe or the Blackfriars
suggested the scenes by the properties,
setting a bed on the stage to designate
a chamber, a throne, to mark a palace.
Not otherwise is it with the Doyers
Street Company in New York. Many
of the falsetto solos which so amuse and
vex the tourist are descriptions of the
stage setting which is further suggested
by the properties—an altar for a temple,
a crude arch of bamboo with a sign at
its apex for a city, even a pile of chairs
and tables for a mountain."
The Chinese theatre, however, is
older than its Elizabethan prototype.
Though it only came into existence
with the rise of the Mohammedan
religion, it is really nothing more or
less than the old Greek drama trans-
planted and adapted to the racial
idiosyncracies of the Sons of Han. The
whole idea, says Sir JOHN DAVIS, is
Greek: the mask, the chorus, the
music, the colloquy, the scene and
the act. The Chinese merely took the
idea as it filtered through to them from
India and worked up plays from their
own history and their own social life.
"The Chinese drama is based on music
just as the Greek play was, and the
whole conception of the play is foreign,
while the details and the language are
Chinese." There are three distinct
epochs in Chinese dramatic history,
the Tang (700-905 A.D.), the Sung
(905-1123 A.D.), and the Yuan
(1123-1368 A.D.), since when the
drama has slowly crystallized, like so
many other things in China.

Mr. Iwain is certainly able to draw
a closer analogy between the Chinese
actor of to-day and the strolling players
of SHAKESPEARE'S day when he speaks
of their social status. "The Brothers
of the Pear Orchard," as the Thespians
of China are popularly called, are
outcasts from the social order. Which
reminds us that only the other day in
England an actor who was summoned
to serve on a jury made the successful
plea that under the law he was "a
rogue and a vagabond" and therefore
ineligible. In support of his contention
he produced an old act of Parlia-
ment which has never been repealed,
and the astonished judge had to admit
his claim. And how is it in China? "To
the third generation, the descendant of
a Chinese actor is disqualified, under
the old régime, from taking those
literary examinations which lead to all
political preferment." By a world's
width the superior, in intelligence,
breeding, and perceptions, of the Chinese
coolie or laundryman, they form a caste
so low that we have nothing wherewith
to compare it. Yet many of them, we
are assured, are admirable men. The
training to which the actor submits
himself is long and arduous. In the
beginning he must have a fair literary
education, for the plays are couched in
the literary language of China. Then he

must learn by heart every part in a great
number of plays. As every Chinese
play is in part operatic, he must also
learn music, cultivate a falsetto voice
for singing, without destroying his
natural speaking voice, and become an
adept at tumbling and acrobatics.
"These Chinese actors, symbolists by
nature, have introduced into their effects
a great body of conventional gestures
which take the place of setting and
properties. They have symbols to show
that the actor is on horseback, that he
is under an enchantment, that he
stands behind a wall concealed from
his fellows on the stage; that he is
dead and out of the action, that he
is invisible, that he is a man of high
station in disguise. Further, they have
some strange conventionalities in the
way of stage properties. In Chinese
drama, as in all other Oriental art, one
never knows where realism will end
and conventions begin. So, when any
property is really a part of the action,
it is more than likely that the stage
manager will introduce, not the thing
itself, but a pretty and conventional
representation of it. I have seen two
Chinese actors enter in a representation
of a boat. Their feet, concealed by
the hull, propelled it; the swaying of
their bodies gave it the necessary wavy
motion; the pose of their bodies,
appearing above the gunwale, suggested
that they were sitting at ease in the
craft. But did it not look like a
boat? No, indeed, it was a great
deal prettier. It was an affair of pink
tissue-paper, fringed and trimmed with
silk pompons; and in every chink of
the decorations burned pink Christmas
candles. These properties, like the
costumes, are always a delight to the
eye; they exemplify that art which the
Chinese put into the common objects
and implements of his daily life."
The Chinese actor and his patrons
are steeped to the lips in the traditions
of a hidebound conservatism, hence we
expect it will be many long years before
a movement similar to that which is
now going on in Japanese theatrical
circles—the introduction of adapted
modern European plays and European
theatrical methods—will be inaugurated
in China. To drop into a Hongkong
theatre to-day is practically to transport
oneself back to medieval days, for the
play being represented on the boards
may tell a tale as old as the Saxon
Heptarchy (Tang), the limit on one side, or
as recent as the Plantagenet Kings of
England (Yuen), the limit on the other;
for "old custom" would not tolerate any-
thing more modern. And to judge by
the patronage accorded, the audiences
are quite satisfied that it should be so,
hence our conclusion that the Chinese
drama will be the last stronghold of
conservatism to be influenced by the
"time-spirit," now casting so many old
things into the crucible of change.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The King's Exequatur empowering Mr.
Manuel Domingo Dertano to act as Consul
General for Peru at Hongkong has received
His Majesty's signature.

Mounghon Ghine and his wife and
daughter attended their Majesties' Court
on June 24. This is the first occasion on
which Burmese ladies have been presented.

The Hope diamond, formerly a famous
French Crown jewel, has been sold by
auction in Paris for £10,000. May Yoke
used to sport this jewel in the days when
she was Lady Francis Hope. The diamond
is reported to be ill-luck to its owner.

Mrs. Pankhurst and another suffragette,
who were concerned in the demonstrations
outside Parliament recently, have been
fined £5 with the alternative of one month's
imprisonment. The magistrates, however,
advised that there should be an appeal on
a legal point raised in the course of the
case. The suffragettes claim that they are
entitled to petition the King through the
Prime Minister, and to present their peti-
tion to the latter personally, and that the
police are not entitled to obstruct them
while they are doing so.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

A case of anthrax has occurred at the
Kennedy Town Cattle Depot.
The 1908 case of plague was reported
to-day. It was that of a Chinese living at
Mong-kok-lui.
The examination for external students
for the degree of B.D. of the University of
London, can now be taken in the Colony.
A reception takes place on the Japan-
ese flagship *Okuma* this afternoon, when
Rear-Admiral Tsuragaki will be at home to
his guests.
It is notified in the *Gazette* that His
Majesty the King has ruled that flags
should be flown at half-mast on the day of
the death of any foreign sovereign and also
on the day of the funeral.
At the meeting of the Sanitary Board
on Tuesday a letter from the Government
relative to the report on malaria, in
Shaokwan and its environs will be read;
and also the Additional Cemetery By-laws.
The assets and liabilities of Holi-
day, Wise and Co., in the Philippines have
been taken over by Messrs Wise and Co.,
Ltd. Mr. R. E. Humphreys and Mr. L.
Dyson have been authorised to sign for the
firm.
We suppose our contemporary the
Straits Times was in sarcastic mood when
it wrote—Efforts to make Flame of the
Forest trees flourish between the chinks of
the granite slabs which surround the foun-
tain in front of the Singapore Club, having
failed, an attempt is being made to raise
palms there.
Regarding the race between the Ger-
man Mail *Lutzw* and the Blue Funnel
Thesus, both of which left here for Home
on 18th June, the *Lutzw* is noted in our
shipping column as having arrived at
Genoa on Thursday last, 15th inst. The
Thesus, we have been informed, is due in
London on Friday next, the 23rd.
At Marne on June 5th, Mr. Lathams,
an English aviator, flew for one hour and
seven minutes on his Antoinette monoplane,
thus beating the French aeroplane record.
He executed the evolutions with great ease
in spite of the rain at a height of from 30
to 60 feet. When he descended the specta-
tors shouldered him in triumph.
The N.Y.K. steamer *Iyo Maru* recently
transmitted to the P. and O. steamer
Mantua, when in the Indian Ocean, a
wireless message to be delivered to Messrs
Carson and Co. in Colombo. This is the
first commercial wireless message reported
in Ceylon and it is singular that it should
have passed between the premier shipping
company of England and the premier
shipping company of Japan.
A native was sentenced to six weeks'
hard labour and four hours' stocks, by Mr.
J. R. Wood, at the Magistrate's court, for
stealing brass and copper from the Tram-
way Co. Defendant was also sentenced to
fourteen days' hard labour for having his
master's silver cigarette case in his posses-
sion. For stealing brass from the docks
another native was sentenced to seven
days' hard labour and four hours' stocks.
The slow pace of justice in Java may
be judged from the fact that a case of
insurrection which happened in the pro-
vince of Kediri, two and a half years ago,
is still awaiting trial. Of the 53 persons
under arrest, nineteen have died in custody.
Several of the witnesses have also gone
to the next world. The *Nieuws van den
Dag* says that attention to this failure of
justice will be called in the Dutch Parlia-
ment shortly.
We learn from Manila papers that
proposals were opened at Manila on the
13th in the office of the Chief Quarter-
master, for repairs and alterations to the
transport, Warren. The bids were as
follows—Shanghai Dock and Engineering
Company \$89,240, gold, to be completed
12 weeks after delivery of the vessel at
Shanghai; New Engineering and Ship-
building Works Ltd., Shanghai, \$109,481,
gold, to be completed in 84 months; Castle
Bro., Wolf and Sons, representing Taikoo
Dock Board and Engineering Company,
Hongkong, \$90,184, gold, to be completed
in 8 months; Hongkong and Whampoa
Dock Company \$83,366, gold, to be com-
pleted in 9 weeks; Tangong Pagar Dock
Board, Singapore \$102,500, to be com-
pleted in six months' time.

ORGAN RECITAL AT ST.
PETER'S.

An organ recital is to be given by Mr.
George Grimbles at St. Peter's Church
to-morrow evening, the programme being
as follows—
Organ Solo—"Prelude and Fugue No. 1"
Mendelssohn Handel
Tenor Solo—"Comfort Ye" (Messiah)
Rev. A. P. Crofton, M.A.
Organ Solo—"Grand Offertoire in D"
Bach
Soprano Solo—"And He shall feed His
flock" (Messiah) Handel
Organ Solo—"Andante Tranquillo"
Sternfeld Benoit
The Rev. A. Dallas Ennis, C.F., will
be the preacher at the evening service,
which commences at 8.30 p.m.

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THE SUBMARINE
DISASTER.

SYMPATHY OF THE KING.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 16.
The captain of the steamer *Eddystone*,
which sank Submarine C 11 off Lowestoft,
has been interviewed. He said that
a dense fog prevailed at the time and he
was unaware of the presence of warships
until he was blinded by their search-
lights.
H. M. the King and the Prince of
Wales have sent messages of sympathy.

BISLEY SHOOTING.

MACKINNON CUP GOES TO
CANADA.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 16.
Canada has won the Mackinnon Cup
at Bisley with a score of 1,616.
The Transvaal came second with a
score of 1,514.

A FUGITIVE SHAH.

SEEKS SHELTER IN RUSSIAN
LEGATION.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 16.
It is reported from Teheran that the
Shah has taken refuge in the Russian
Legation.

AMERICA AND CHINA.

NEW MINISTER APPOINTED.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 17.
President Taft has decided to appoint
Mr. Charles Crane, a member of a firm
of Chicago manufacturers, as American
Minister to China.

EARTHQUAKE IN
GREECE.

MANY LIVES LOST; MUCH
DAMAGE DONE.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 17.
An earthquake is reported from the
province of Elis, on the west coast of
Greece (opposite Zante). There are
many casualties.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN'S
BIRTHDAY.

RETURNS THANKS TO
HONGKONG.
(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)
London, July 17.
Mrs. Joseph Chamberlain begs the
assistance of the press in gratefully
acknowledging the world-wide birthday
telegrams which were received on her
husband's birthday.
Mr. Chamberlain also desires to ex-
press his sincere thanks for the good
wishes expressed, and in this expression
of thanks he includes Hongkong.

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sale by all chemists and druggists.

NEW AMERICAN
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A CHICAGO MERCHANT
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(From Our Own Correspondent.)
London, July 17.
It is officially reported in Washington
that Mr. Charles Crane, a Chicago
manufacturer, has been appointed
American Minister to China.

FEDERATED MALAYA.

TAKING OVER NEW STATES.
(From Our Own Correspondent.)
Singapore, July 17.
The taking over by the British
government of the suzerainty of the
State of Kedah hitherto under the
protection of Siam, was a ceremony of
the most brilliant and cordial descrip-
tion. The Sultan received Mr. Mux-
well, as the British adviser, and
welcomed the Siamese dispatch which
thanked the Sultan for his past loyalty.
The Governor of the Straits Settle-
ments, Sir John Anderson, and General
Perrott are sailing to-day to take over
the suzerainty of Trigguna and
Kelantan. The transfers have been
made amidst the happiest auguries.

THE CHINESE NAVY.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 15.
Prince Tsai Tao, brother of the Prince
Regent, is appointed a Minister to assist
in reorganising the Chinese Navy.

IMPERIAL BANK OF
CHINA.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 16.
The Board of Posts and Communi-
cations has appointed Luk Chung Yu
chief auditor of the Imperial Bank.

RAILWAY PECULATIONS.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 16.
H.E. Chang-Chih-tung has asked H.E.
Na Tung, now acting Viceroy of Chihli,
to seize and declare forfeit all the prop-
erty belonging to Li Tak-shao, the
degraded chief director of the Tientsin-
Pukau railway.

MINISTERIAL CHANGES.

(Wah Te Yat Po's Service.)
PEKING, July 16.
It is said that Prince Su will shortly
be succeeded by Prince Chun on Prince
Yu Long, as President of the Board of
the Interior.

INDIAN SETTLERS FOR
UGANDA.

Decrease of Sleeping Sickness.
Sir Henry Heath Bell, the Governor
of Uganda, is now in England, with
the object of discussing with the Colonial
Secretary some important projects for the
development of that Protectorate. One of
these is connected with the question of
the employment of Indians of the ryot class,
on which subject an important committee
appointed by the Government is sitting in
London. The Governor holds that Uganda
is eminently suited for Indian agricultural
colonisation and for the introduction of
Indian colonists on a large scale.
Important work has lately been done by
the Administration in connection with
sleeping sickness. A stretch of country
along the Victoria Nyanza Lake shore two
miles wide and 500 miles in length has been
entirely cleared of population. The Sesi
Islands remain to be cleared of 20,000
people, and it is expected that this will be
done within the next four months, as the
native chiefs are now convinced of the
advantages which will accrue. The measures
taken by the Government to cope with the
 scourge have succeeded to a remarkable
degree, and the mortality, which a few
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Steamers	Leave	Connecting Steamers	Due at	Due at
to	Hongkong	from Colombo	Marseilles	London
Colombo			(Friday)	(Monday)
DELTA	July 24	MOLDAVIA	Aug. 21	Aug. 27
DELTA	Aug. 7	MANTUA	Sept. 4	Sept. 10
CALEDONIA	Aug. 21	MONGOLIA	Sept. 18	Sept. 24
DEVANTRA	Sept. 4	MARMORA	Oct. 2	Oct. 8
ASSAYE	Sept. 18	MORZA	Oct. 16	Oct. 22
DELTA	Oct. 2	MOULTAN	Oct. 23	Oct. 29
DELTA	Oct. 16	INDIA	Nov. 11	Nov. 17
DELTA	Oct. 30	ORINA	Nov. 25	Dec. 1
DEVANTRA	Nov. 13	MACEDONIA	Dec. 9	Dec. 15
ASSAYE	Nov. 27	MOLDAVIA	Dec. 23	Dec. 29

Passengers change steamers at Colombo, and those for Brindisi transfer also to the Express Mail Steamer at Port Said.
Accommodation in the connecting steamer from Colombo is arranged in Hongkong at time of booking.
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DELTA	Oct. 2	Dec. 5
DELTA	Oct. 16	Dec. 19
DEVANTRA	Nov. 13	Dec. 26
ASSAYE	Nov. 27	Jan. 9

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TJIMAH	JAPAN	Do	JAVA	Do
TJIBODAS	JAPAN	First half of August	JAVA	First half of August
TJILATJAP	JAVA	Do	SHANGHAI	Do
TJILWONG	JAPAN	Second half of August	JAVA	Second half of August
TJIPANAS	JAVA	Do	JAPAN	Do

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